October 27th

Dear Hal:

I have a myriad of matters to convey, but will settle on a few of the more salient.

First, the doctor's report on my wife's situation is as such: She has Carcinoma Incitue, Cervex, which translated means cancer of the cervex in its earliest possible stage; had she have taken her pap smear test just a month earlier, it might not have showed up and it would have had another year to do its damage; the surgery will be a partial histerectomy(removal of the cervex) to be performed in late November or early December. The doctors tell us there is a 99.99999999% chance for complete recovery, with no 5 year suspense period. That's my good news.

Sadly I must tell you that two key financiers have checked out on ALFIE; this would have produced around 50 G's between them; their reason for dropping out was straight-forward and direct: Too much time has passed and nothing was happening; it simply appeared too unstable an arrangement; I had no comeback.....

As I've mentioned before, the first major hurdle is the controversiality factor; these men didn't flinch a bit on this issue; but, they are first and foremost businessmen, and this whole matter has begun to take on the appearance of shakeyness and too many loose strings. Believe me when I say that you're going to forever run into this attitude - in every circle of respondents - until and unless your ship is fully manned as a bona fide business enterprise. Individuals simply do not count when you talk the kind of numbers you must if you're ever to attain financial/academic success with your works.

I still have some smaller investors interested, but they too may get itchy feet soon; it's those BIG chunks that get the job done, and they're damned hard to come by.

The attorneys too are getting edgy; not only do they have no authority through ALFIE, they are concerned should any premature relationship be revealed regarding their preliminary interest. Understand that they view this whole subject with great caution, for to move wrong could mean the end of a very considerable collection of prestigeous careers. Your long search for Counsel to guard and protect your loins has been a futile one to date, for this very reason. All this is my way of saying that if ALFIE ain't the way, I don't know of any.

Incidently, there are some recent California statutes that may require that you participate directly in ALFIE, rather than retain it as your business management firm; it has to do with certain codes regarding the

"managing" of talent, such as performers, authors, etc.

The modification would merely mean that you would own two/thirds of ALFIE's equity, with the rest divided amongst my existing and potential participants out here. This might prove the most effective mechanism anyway, since it would place you in majority control, while I would merely be the Chief Administrative Partner. We'll discuss and finalize all this when you get out here.

I am co-ordinating your appearance schedule out here now; Hal Verb is hot as a French Pistol scheduling you at stations and speaking bits;

Gotta go now; more tomorrow.

Best to momma.

Best Personal Regards,

Jonn